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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO DENIED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
FOR UNINTENTIONAL ABANDONMENT

In response to the dismissed petition regarding the Unintentional Abandonment Petition filed on June 11, 2007, for the above referenced application.

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**Remarks**

The Examiner reviewing the petition filed on June 16, 2007 has dismissed the petition for revival stating that the petition lacks the statement "... that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional .... " In furtherance of this assertion, the Examiner has indicated that the applicant has not met two of the three time periods considered in evaluating a grantable petition, namely:

"...(1) the delay in reply that originally resulted in the abandonment; (2) the delay in filing an initial petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application .... "

It is respectfully stated that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply and subsequent petition for revival was unintentional. In support of this statement the following is respectfully submitted:

1) A representative for the applicant contacted the office of the undersigned agent and requested that an attempt to determine the status of the application be made;

2) the applicant's foreign representative indicated that the application was believed to be in condition for allowance but as yet had not received a Notice of Allowance; additionally their attempts to gain information on the application from the US Patent Office from their office in Greece were unsuccessful;

3) the undersigned agent's office made several attempts to

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file an Power to Inspect, however, on each of several occasions attempts were made to determine the status of the application, a representative of the US Patent Office indicated that the application was listed as **lost** and therefore no information was able to be obtained;

4) in an attempt to speed the process and belief that a status would be obtained in a short time as well as an assumption that the application was now abandoned, it was requested that the applicant provide a signed Petition for Unintentional Abandonment;

5) after receiving the signed documents from the applicant this matter was assigned to be monitored by a long time employee of the undersigned agent's office, it was requested that a status on the location of the application be regularly requested in an attempt to determine what was required to further process this application, the above-mentioned employee has now retired;

6) the office of the undersigned agent was finally able to ascertain that a Notice of Allowance was issued for the application and in addition to the Issue and Publication fees corrected drawings were required;

7) the information for the application was forwarded to the undersigned agent for review, and at that time the petition for unintentional abandonment was filed; the petition included the Issue and Publication fees as well as corrected drawings.

Based on the above information it is respectfully stated that the two time periods the Examiner suggests the petition is

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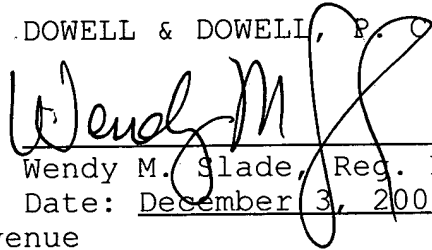
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lacking, have been met. Furthermore, it is submitted that the entire delay in request for revival was unintentional and a subsequent grant of revival is requested.

If the Examiner in charge of the application requires additional information, it would be greatly appreciated if the undersigned agent of record was contacted at the telephone number listed below.

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